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METHOD FOR POLARIZATION MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBER  
PREFORM  
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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The two Japanese patent references cited above are not in the English language. English abstracts are included for JP 58-145631 and JP 59-92929.

All of the cited references were cited in a European search report for a corresponding European application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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